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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
U. S. Agricultural Marketing Administration
Washington, D. C.

FEDERAL SEED ACT
REQUIREMENTS FOR LABELING AGRICULTURAL SEEDS AND VEGETABLE SEEDS
AND SUGGESTED FORMS OF LABELS

Agricultural seeds.

Information required to be on the label:

Lot number or other identification.

Name of kind, or kind and variety, or kind and type.

If named as to type the word "type" must be shown.

Pure seed _____ %

Crop seed _____ % (not to be added to pure seed)

Inert matter _____ %

Weeds _____ %

Noxious-weed seeds. Name and rate of occurrence
according to State law.

Germination _____ %

Hard seed _____ %

Date of test (month and year). No more than five
calendar months shall have elapsed between the
last day of the month in which the germination
test was completed and the date of transportation
or delivery for transportation in interstate commerce.

Origin (on alfalfa, red clover and corn, except hybrid
corn.) If unknown, the statement "origin unknown."

Name and address of shipper. Code designation obtained
from the Agricultural Marketing Administration may
be given in place of shipper's name and address, pro-
vided consignee's name and address is given.

Note: Total germination and hard seed percent may be
shown by the additional statement "Total germination
and hard seed _____ %."

Mixtures.

The same information as for agricultural seeds except that the
percentage of each kind, or kind and variety, shall be
stated if present in excess of 5% as well as the percent of
germination and hard seed of each component in excess of 5%.

If it is desired to show percentages of components which are
present in quantities less than 5%, these may be shown,
provided the germination percentage is also shown.

SUGGESTED FORMS OF LABELS FOR AGRICULTURAL SEEDS

Arrangement of information is optional but must be given as to fully comply with the Federal Seed Act. Additional statements may be made to meet the requirements of State seed laws.

Variety or type	Kind	Lot No.
Pure seed _____ %	Germination _____ %	
Crop seeds _____ %	Hard seed _____ %	
Inert matter _____ %		
Weed seeds _____ %		
Origin	Date of test	
Noxious weed seeds (name and rate of occurrence in accordance with State law.)		

The full name and address of either the shipper or consignee shall appear upon the label. This may be shown on either side of the label. If the name and address of the shipper are not shown upon the label, a code designation identifying the shipper shall be shown.

Variety or type	Kind
	Lot No.
Pure seed _____ %	
Crop seeds _____ %	
Inert matter _____ %	
Weed seeds _____ %	
Origin	
Germination _____ %	
Hard seed _____ %	
Date of test	
Noxious weed seeds (name and rate of occurrence in accordance with State law.)	

KHERSON TYPE OATS

Lot No. 46

Pure seed	98.60%	Germination 90%
Crop seeds	1.00%	Jan. 1940
Inert matter	.30%	
Weed seeds	.10%	

.4 Wild oat and 6 Wild mustard per lb.

MINN. NO. 13 CORN

Lot No. 67

Pure seed	99.00%
Crop seeds	.00%
Inert matter	1.00%
Weed seeds	.00%
Germination 95% Jan. 1940	

Origin Minnesota

HYBRID CORN ILL. 70

Lot No. 3

Pure seed	99.90%
Crop seeds	.00%
Inert matter	.10%
Weed seeds	.00%
Germination 97% Jan. 1940	

The full name and address of either the shipper or consignee shall appear upon the label. This may be shown on either side of the label. If the name and address of the shipper are not shown upon the label, a code designation identifying the shipper shall be shown.

JAN 20 1940

SOYBEANS

Lot No. 360

Manchu	80.00%	Germination 90% Jan. 1940
Illini	19.00%	Germination 90% Jan. 1940
Crop seeds	.00%	
Inert matter	1.00%	
Weed seeds	.00%	

9 Field bindweed per pound.

TURF
LAWN GRASS MIXTURE

X 379

Purity	Germination
64.50% Kentucky bluegrass	80% Jan. 1940
20.50% Redtop	90% Dec. 1939
6.00% White clover	80% Hard seed 12%
2.00% Crop seeds	Nov. 1939
6.10% Inert matter	
.90% Weed seeds	

180 Sorrel 90 Buckhorn per pound.

The full name and address of either the shipper or consignee shall appear upon the label. This may be shown on either side of the label. If the name and address of the shipper are not shown upon the label, a code designation identifying the shipper shall be shown.

Vegetable seeds.

Information required to be on the label or container:

Name of the kind and variety of the seed.

Name and address of the shipper.

Code designation obtained from the Agricultural Marketing Administration may be given in place of shipper's name and address, provided consignee's name and address is given.

Germination equal to or above standard.

Vegetable seeds which have a germination equal to or better than the standard set forth in section 201.31 of the rules and regulations need not bear statement showing the percentage of germination.

Germination below standard.

Vegetable seeds which have a germination percentage less than the standard set forth in section 201.31 shall have the words, "Below Standard," clearly shown in a conspicuous place on the label or on the face of the container, in type no smaller than 8 point. The seed shall also be labeled to show the percentage of germination and the percentage of any hard seed present and the month and year in which the test was completed. The percentage of hard seed shall not be included in the percentage of germination. No more than 5 calendar months shall have elapsed between the last day of the month in which the germination test was completed and the date of transportation or delivery for transportation in interstate commerce.

SUGGESTED FORMS OF LABELS FOR VEGETABLE SEEDS

Arrangement of information is optional but must be given to fully comply with the Federal Seed Act. Additional statements may be made to meet the requirements of the State seed laws.

For seed above standard.

<u>Peas</u>	<u>Early Surprise</u>
<u>Kind</u>	<u>Variety</u>

The full name and address of either the shipper or consignee shall appear upon the label. This may be shown on either side of the label. If the name and address of the shipper are not shown upon the label a code designation identifying the shipper shall be shown.

For seed below standard.

<u>Peas</u>	<u>Early Surprise</u>
<u>Kind</u>	<u>Variety</u>
Germination 75% January 1942	
	"Below Standard"

The full name and address of either the shipper or consignee shall appear upon the label. This may be shown on either side of the label. If the name and address of the shipper are not shown upon the label a code designation identifying the shipper shall be shown.